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REF: CCG/A(77)9

1. MAIN ITEM OF DISCUSSION WAS AGENDA ITEM III: COST-OF-LIVING ADVANCE WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1977 (CCG/W(77)21). SECGENS REP MADE STRONG ORAL PITCH FOR 100 PERCENT INTERIM COL ADJUSTMENT WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY STAFF ASSOCIATION REPS PRESENT. ALL DELEGATIONS PRESENT INDICATED DESIRE TO STICK TO 80 PERCENT FORMULA. FRENCH, WHO HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN PREPARED TO GO TO 100 PERCENT, ALSO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING 80 PERCENT.

2. U.S. DEL MADE POINT THAT 1977 GENERAL REVIEW SHOULD BE EXPEDITED. ALL SEVEN DELS PARTICIPATING IN STATISTICAL SAMPLING REQUIRED BY 133RD REPORT (UK - GERMANY - NETH - BEL - LUX - ITALY - FRANCE) PROMISED TO PROVIDE
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REQUIRED DATA BY JULY 31. ONE OR TWO NATIONAL COL INDICES MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MID-AUGUST. U.S. DEL THEN INQUIRED WHETHER, WITH ALL DATA AVAILABLE BY AUGUST 15, SECGENS COULD HAVE GENERAL REVIEW READY FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT CCG MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 21.

3. SECGENS REP DECLINED TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO DATE, MENTIONED IMPORTANCE OF JULY 1 EEC SALARY DATA (NO ONE PRESENT KNEW WHEN THIS WOULD BE AVAILABLE), BUT BELIEVED GENERAL REVIEW WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL SOMETIME IN OCTOBER. U.S. DEL PRESSED FOR EARLIER PREPARATION AND INQUIRED HOW STAFF ASSOCIATION REPS FELT. BOTH NATO AND OECD REPS PRESENT THANKED U.S. FOR PUSHING ON ISSUE, BUT FELT THEY COULD GO ALONG WITH SECGENS TIMETABLE IN INTEREST OF PREPARING THOROUGH GENERAL REVIEW.

4. IN RETURNING TO SAME AGENDA ITEM ON FOLLOWING DAY, SECGENS CAME UP WITH NEW COMPROMISE FORMULATION ON INTERIM COL ADJUSTMENT. SECGENS PROPOSE TO ISSUE CCG DOCUMENT WITH FOLLOWING WORDING:

"THE COMMITTEE WILL UNDERTAKE THAT AFTER COMPLETION OF THE 1977 ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW, IT WILL RECOMMEND THE RETROACTIVE PAYMENT FROM 1ST JANUARY 1977 OF THE OUTSTANDING 20 PERCENT IN ALL CASES WHERE THE NEW SCALES AT 1ST JULY 1977 EXCEED THE SCALES AT 1ST JULY 1976 BY A PERCENTAGE EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING OVER THE SECOND HALF OF 1976."

DELS WERE ASKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER GOVERNMENTS WOULD FIND THIS ACCEPTABLE AND REPORT BACK AT SEPTEMBER 21
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MEETING. SECGENS REP PRIVATELY TOLD U.S. DEL THIS WAS FACE-SAVING GESTURE TO AVOID STAFF ASSOCIATION REPS GOING AWAY EMPTY HANDED. INITIAL REACTIONS OF DELS WERE NON-COMMITTAL. OECD SECRETARIAT SUMMARIZED THIS PROPOSAL AT JULY 22 OECD COUNCIL MEETING AND NOTED PLAN TO RETURN TO PROPOSAL IN SEPTEMBER.

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5. ON AGENDA ITEMS V AND VI, CHAIRMAN PROMISED TO
DRAFT PAPER FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING.

6 AGENDA ITEM VII: ISSUE NOW COMPLICATED BY
DISCOVERY THAT UK HAS SAME PROBLEM AS GERMANY CONCERN-
ING MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL SYSTEMS. GROUP
AGREED TO CONSIDER DRAFT REPORT CONCERNING GERMANY IN
SEPTEMBER CCG MEETING. DISCUSSIONS WITH UK OFFICIALS
TO CONTINUE.

7. AGENDA ITEM VIII: CSG(77)3 CONTAINS PRELIMINARY
REPORT BY DR. SCHULER (SWITZERLAND) CALLING FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT ADMIN UNIT FOR PENSION SCHEME
BY JANUARY 1, 1978. COMPLETE SCHULER REPORT IN PREPA-
RATION. SECGENS REP CAGEY AS TO WHETHER JANUARY 1,
1978 DATE ACCEPTABLE, BUT DID AGREE TO ATTEND FUTURE
MEETINGS OF CCG WORKING PARTY 15 WITH SCHULER.

8. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS SECGEN REP
INTRODUCED CCG/W(77)23 INTRODUCTION OF A PENSION
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SCHEME - REVISIONARY ENTITLEMENT TO A SURVIVOR'S
PENSION FOR WIDOWERS OF FEMALE OFFICIALS. THIS ITME
WAS REFERRED TO THE CCG AT THE JULY 7 OECD COUNCIL
MEETING. MOST CCG DELS WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, BUT
TENTATIVE SOUNDINGS WERE MIXED WITH FIVE DELS DOUBTING
THEY COULD SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT. CHAIRMAN IS TO FURNISH
DRAFT WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT SEPTEMBER 7 MEETING OF
WORKING PARTY 15 IN BRUSSELS. FOLLOWING THAT MEETING,
DRAFT REPORT WILL BE CABLED TO DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERA-
TION PRIOR TO ITEM APPEARING ON SEPTEMBER 21 CCG AGENDA.

9. ALSO UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT HE
HAD WRITTEN TO NATO AND OECD SECGENS ABOUT LACK OF
ACTION ON 130TH CCG REPORT MEMBERSHIP OF THE CO-
ORDINATION SYSTEM - REQUEST BY THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR

MEDIUM RANGE WEATHER FORECASTS. SECGENS REP REPLIED
THAT ITEM WAS "UNDER CONSIDERATION".
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